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SURAT AND RAJKOT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether development and modernisation plans of Surat and Rajkot Airports are still pending in spite of necessary infrastructure provided by the Government of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the works on these airports are likely to be executed and completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b) & (c) Development and modernisation of Surat Airport is as per schedule and the development works are likely to be completed by December 2006.

At Rajkot airport, works could not be taken up, as the land acquisition for extension of runway on lease from railway is under process and State Government of Gujarat has to initiate action for diversion of Rajkot-Jamnagar Highway passing through the proposed extension of runway.